

Greenways and Trails Tidbits

August 2006 Edition

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)- August, 2006 **(<http://www.tdec.net/news/release/2006/Aug/parksrecgrants.shtml>)**

Governor Phil Bredesen and Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke announced more than \$11.3 million in parks and recreation grants will be awarded to recipients across Tennessee. The announcement includes approximately \$8.7 million in Local Parks and Recreation Fund (LPRF) grants, more than \$2 million in Recreation Trails Program (RTP) grants and \$480,000 in Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants. These are matching grant programs that will provide over \$20 million in new parks and recreation facilities across the state.

Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), August, 2006 **<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/news/2006/080906.htm>**

Governor Phil Bredesen and Transportation Commissioner Gerald Nicely announced more than \$14 million in transportation enhancements grants were awarded to 33 communities across Tennessee.

For more details on the individual grants, go to the website given above.

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation - June, 2006 **<http://www.tdec.net/news/release/2006/Jun/stewardshipawards.shtml>**

TDEC announced 14 Environmental Stewardship Awards and the winner of the Excellence in Greenways and Trails Award was the City of Cookeville for the Tennessee Central Heritage Trail. This is a Rail with Trail project that will be 18 miles long and run from Cookeville, through Algood and end at Monterey. Putnam County is also a partner in this project.

Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT) September 16 – 23, 2006 **<http://www.tnstateparks.com/BRAT/>**

Welcome to the 17th Annual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee. The 2006 BRAT will begin at Natchez Trace State Park near Jackson, TN. This year's ride will overnight at six State Parks and part of the route following the Natchez Trace Parkway. Riders can expect lots of fantastic scenery as they roll through the hills and hollows of west and middle Tennessee.

The Tennessee State Parks, the Department of Transportation and the Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC) sponsor the 2006 BRAT. Part of the proceeds from this year's event will go directly to the Cumberland Trail Conference. The CTC is a non-profit organization dedicated to the creation and preservation of the Cumberland Trail State Park.

For more information and on line registration, go to the website or call Danny McCullough at 931-686-BIKE.

Cumberland Trail Conference (from their website) <http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/act.html>

Join with the Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC) by celebrating the 2006 trail construction season by attending the CTC Appreciation Weekend at Frozen Head State Natural Area on October 6-7, 2006. For more details, got to the CTC website.

Bikes Belong Coalition, <http://bikesbelong.org/>

Bikes Belong has a grant program that help promote bike programs and encourage ridership of bicycles. Deadlines for 2006 are August 28 and November 27. Visit the website for application information.

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Tennessee Trails Association (TTA) website www.tennesseetrails.org (August, 2006 newsletter)

The TTA's Annual Meeting is coming up October 20-22, 2006 and will be held at the Brandon Springs Group Camp at the Land Between the Lakes. LBL is an 180,000-acre area between Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley and is managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Lots of trails and plenty of wildlife and Fall Colors. For registration information, check the website.

Trust for Public Lands (from TPL's Landlink/ Conservation Finance, August, 2006 enewsletter)
<http://www.tpl.org/>

The Trust of Public Land works in all 50 states to help preserve open space and provide protection for both natural and cultural resources. TPL staff will be in Nashville on October 12, 2006 with a daylong seminar from the Conservation Finance section of the organization. This will be part of the Land Trust Alliance's National Land Conservation Conference Rally 2006.

Windrock ATV Club <http://www.windrockatv.com/>

The Club's annual 2006 Fall Benefit Ride will be held on October 19-21, 2006 at the Coal Creek OHV Area. Events include a Sled Pull, Poker Run, Mud Bog and Drag Race. For more information and registration for the event, go to the club website.

American Hiking Society http://www.americanhiking.org/news/trail_fund.html

The American Hiking Society's website provides a list of potential funding sources for trails and greenways. Go to the website above to check out government and private sources of funding. The American Hiking Society National Trails Fund is the only privately funded, national grant program dedicated solely to protecting hiking trails. Awards range from \$500 to \$10,000 per project. Now in its sixth year, the Fund has awarded more than \$240,000 to 56 grassroots organizations all over the U.S. working to establish, protect and maintain foot trails in America. Applications must be postmarked by November 1, 2006.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Ivan Levin, Trails Program Manager, at 301-565-6704 x208 or Ilevin@AmericanHiking.org.

Information provided in this newsletter is taken from other sources and it is recommended that you go to those sources directly for complete information about an activity or event.



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